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ing vice-president, Dean Eugene Davenport, of the University of Illinois, will be on "The Outlook for Agricultural Science." This address will be followed by a symposium on the same subject, which will be taken part in by H. J. Wheeler, J. C. Lipman, G. F. Warren, and B. Youngblood. *The Society for Horticultural Science*, and *The Association of Official Seed Analysts* will meet at Columbia University in affiliation with the section

#### SCIENTIFIC ITEMS

WE record with regret the death of Dr. Hugo Münsterberg, the distinguished German psychologist, professor at Harvard University since 1892; of Sir Hiram Stevens Maxim, the well known inventor; of Henrik Mohn, the Norwegian meteorologist; and of Dr. Oskar Backlund, the eminent director of the Imperial Observatory at Pulkova, Russia.

A BUST of John Muir was unveiled at the University of Wisconsin on the evening of December 6. The bust was presented by Mr. T. E. Brittenham to the university where Muir was a student for four years. Dean E. A. Birge

presided, and addresses were made by Regent Charles H. Villas and President Charles R. Van Hise.

THE president and council of the Royal Society have made the following awards: A Royal Medal to Dr. John Scott Haldane, F.R.S., for his services to chemical physiology, more especially in reference to the chemical changes of respiration. A Royal Medal to Professor Hector Munro Macdonald, F.R.S., for his contributions to mathematical physics. The Copley Medal to Sir James Dewar, F.R.S., for his investigations in physical chemistry, and more especially his researches on the liquefaction of gases. The Rumford Medal to Professor William Henry Bragg, F.R.S., for his researches in X-ray radiation. The Davy Medal to M. le Prof. Henri Louis le Chatelier, For.Mem.R.S., for his researches in chemistry. The Darwin Medal to Professor Yves Delage, for his researches in zoology and botany. The Sylvester Medal to M. Jean Gaston Darboux, For.Mem.R.S., for his contributions to mathematical science. The Hughes Medal to Professor Elihu Thomson for his researches in experimental electricity.